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SUBJECT: ECE - WESTERN CAUCUS WORKING LEVEL MEETING
JUNE 7

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1. MISSION REP SHOULD INFORM OTHERS THAT DETAILED USG VIEWS
ON THE QUESTION OF TOPICS FOR A POSSIBLE HIGH-LEVEL ECE
ENVIRONMENT MEETING WILL BE CONTAINED IN OUR REPLY TO THE
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MAY 9 STANOVNIK LETTER. REPLY IS NOW BEING DRAFTED AND
WILL EMPHASIZE NEED TO CONTINUE TO PRESS FOR TRANSFRONTIER
AIR POLLUTION MONITORING PROGRAM (PARTICULARLY SULFUR
DIOXIDE). CONSIDERATION IS ALSO BEING GIVEN TO NEW
INITIATIVES, FOR EXAMPLE, AN ECE ACTIVITY RELATED TO
UNEP/GEMS, WHEREBY INDUSTRIALIZED COUNTRIES WOULD SEEK TO
DEVELOP ATMOSPHERIC, WATER AND TERRESTIAL ECOSYSTEM

MONITORING.

2. FOLLOWING ARE GENERAL OBSERVATIONS. FROM REF B IT SEEMS CLEAR THAT SOVIETS CONSIDER 32ND SESSION HANDLING OF "HIGH-LEVEL MEETINGS" AS DE FACTO AGREEMENT TO CONVENE THEM (OR AT LEAST FIRST ONE ON ENVIRONMENT). MISSION SHOULD BE ALERT TO SET RECORD STRAIGHT ON THIS POINT WHENEVER SOVIETS

OR OTHERS RAISE IT. FROM REF C IT APPEARS STANOVNIK MAY AGREE WITH SOVIET VIEW AS BASIS FOR ADVANCING "PROVISIONAL SELECTION OF POTENTIAL TOPICS FOR POSSIBLE HIGH-LEVEL MEETING ON ENVIRONMENT". AS MISSION POINTS OUT, THERE IS AS YET NO REASON TO BELIEVE THAT MANY, IF ANY, OF STANOVNIK'S TOPICS (EXCEPTING THE TRANSFRONTIER AIR POLLUTION THEME) ARE WORTHY OF THE POLITICAL CONSIDERATION IMPLICIT IN A HIGH-LEVEL ECE MEETING.

3. ACCORDINGLY, MISSION REP AT JUNE 7 WESTERN CAUCUS WORKING GROUP MEETING SHOULD ALSO INDICATE OUR CONCERN THAT STANOVNIK NOT BECOME OVERLY EAGER BOTH IN VIEWING THE NEED FOR A HIGH-LEVEL ENVIRONMENT MEETING AND IN ADVANCING TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION AT SUCH A MEETING. MISSION REP SHOULD SEEK OTHER WESTERNERS' VIEWS ON HOW TO KEEP THIS PROCESS AS OBJECTIVE AS POSSIBLE, AND ON HOW TO DISMISS IRRELEVANT TOPICS WHILE KEEPING ECE ATTENTION CENTERED ON THE TRANSBOUNDARY AIR POLLUTION THEME. VANCE

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